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COTTON PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the production of cotton in the country including Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the cotton production in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of technological, financial and institutional help provided to the farmers for cultivation of cotton during the above period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up a Centre for Cotton Excellence in Gujarat to boost cotton production; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): Yes, Madam. In order to enhance production of cotton, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation had implemented Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) in 13 major cotton growing States including Gujarat since February-2000. From 2014-15, Government has approved cotton development programme as a sub scheme under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) by adopting cropping system approach in the country including Gujarat during 12th plan period.

(b): The details of cotton production (State -wise) the current year is as under:- during last three years and

States	Production of Cotton (Lakh bales)			
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Andhra Pradesh	53.00	49.00	73.50	71.40
Gujarat	104.00	120.00	88.50	108.50
Haryana	17.50	26.50	25.00	25.50
Kamataka	12.00	12.00	12.55	14.00
Madhya Pradesh	20.00	20.00	22.00	18.50
Maharashtra	85.00	72.00	76.55	84.50
Orissa	2.50	3.25	4.00	3.80
Punjab	21.00	23.00	20.00	22.50
Rajasthan	9.00	13.35	14.00	10.50
Tamil Nadu	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00
Others	1.50	8.40	1.10	0.80
All India	330.00	352.00	342.20	365.00

(c): Under MM-II of TMC, assistance was made available for production and distribution of seeds, field demonstrations, farmers trainings, through Farmers Field School, use of water saving devices and integrated pest management etc. As a sub-scheme under NFSM, assistance is provided for Front Line Demonstration on High Density Planting System (HDPS), Intercropping, Extra long Staple (ELS) / Desi Cotton besides programme on, Insecticides Resistance Management (IRM) and Online Pest Monitoring and Advisory Services (OPMAS). To extend technical assistance & the benefits to the farmers, the progrmame is implemented through the State Department of Agriculture, ICAR, SAUs, KVKs etc.,

The details of fund released under Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton and funds allocated under NFSM is given below: -

(Rs. in lakh)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
MM-II (Release)	1100.11	1087.13	989.41	-
NFSM	-	-	-	1200.00

(d) & (e): To boost cotton production in Gujarat, the Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur and All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project (AICCIP), Coimbatore of the ICAR are conducting basic, strategic, applied research and development in

cotton through Navasari Agricultural University and Junagarh Agricultural University. Besides, the State Department of Agriculture and Krishi Vigyan Kendras are also disseminating scientific cotton production technologies in the state.